

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF 

ROKOSCH 

THOMPSON

CHILCOTT 

DRISCOLL 

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....December 12, 2008

Members Present.....Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for approval of a letter of support to obtain loan funds from USDA for RCEDA. Present were Civil Counsel Karen Mahar, RCEDA Director Julie Foster, and Win Smith.

Julie gave a brief overview of the USDA loan. She reviewed a balance sheet with the Ravalli County revolving loan fund. She requested the Board to approve a letter with the clause stating that if the RCEDA disbands, the County would get the funds for USDA loan funds. She also presented the Board with a work plan for the funds. Commissioner Rokosch thanked Julie for a clear comprehensive plan.

**Commissioner Rokosch made a motion to draft a letter of intent to disburse the USDA funds of \$660,000 for the EDA with the provision if the EDA should disband the funds will be returned to the County pending legal review. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion.** Discussion: Civil Counsel Karen Mahar stated the resolution for the revolving loan needs to be reviewed. She discussed the transferring of funds with the Board and it being a legal question. Commissioner Chilcott suggested specific language for the funds for the Board of County Commissioners to give RCEDA these funds and if RCEDA disbands those funds would revert back to the County. Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy discussed the need for an audit for RCEDA for the disbursement of loan funds. Commissioner Rokosch questioned a MOU within the resolution. Civil Counsel Karen Mahar suggested Julie send a draft letter with USDA requirements for review and then the resolution can be amended. Julie requested a two sentence letter to get the ball moving. **All voted 'aye'.**

► The Board met for a discussion and possible decision on PILT allocation. Present were Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy, Comptroller Jana Exner, Win Smith, and Interim Planning Director John Lavey.

Klarryse reviewed the reserves for the operating funds with the Board. She also reviewed the entitlement levy reserve. She presented a few scenarios for the PILT allocation. Klarryse presented the Board with salary projections for the County Attorney Investigator. Discussion followed regarding budget reductions and \$45,000 to Sheriff's Office for two positions.

Klarryse reviewed local option with the Board and the increase in the employee health insurance. The Board agreed with the increase of health benefits and \$45,000 for two employee positions.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated there is \$18,000 in repairs for the grandstands at the fairgrounds. Win requested \$9,000 this fiscal year and the remaining \$9,000 next fiscal year for the repairs. Win discussed the need for painting and installing ramps at the correct angle to be in ADA compliance. Commissioner Grandstaff discussed having Trapper Job Corp doing the work to keep the costs down. Commissioner Rokosch asked if there has been any consideration for the coverings in composite materials. Win replied yes it has been considered however, the composite material is not strong enough for support. The supports would have to be redone as well.

Commissioner Chilcott reviewed what has been spent. He stated \$110,000 for Sheriff's Office which includes \$45,000 for salaries and \$48,000 fuel savings. Klarryse stated that would leave a balance of \$224,768. Commissioner Chilcott discussed debt ratio and expenditures. He stated he would like to have the balance be put in reserves. Commissioner Driscoll suggested paying off the switches loan for I.T. to save \$11,000 per year.

The Board asked Klarryse to further discuss allocation of the \$224,768 after the mid-year review. Klarryse agreed.